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Response to Amendment

The amendments made to claim 54 overcome the rejections of record under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs and have been entered. However, claims 1, 6, 16, 17, 43, 45-47, 49, 53 and 54 are rejected under either 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated or 103(a) as obvious over Lidgren (US 6,586,009), claims 4, 9-11, 42, 50 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lidgren (US 6,586,009), claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lidgren (US 6,586,009) and Posey-Dowty et al. (US 5,258,420), claims 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lidgren (US 6,586,009) and Wenz (DE 20218668), and claims 14 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lidgren (US 6,586,009) and Nies et al. (US 5,650,108) as previously described in the Final Office Action mailed on October 12, 2010.

Response to Arguments

All of the arguments presented pertain to the Rule 1.132 Declaration submitted on February 11, 2011. However, this declaration is not entered at this time because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the declaration is necessary and was not earlier presented. The present arguments cannot be addressed at this time because the new evidence would require further consideration.

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